



Public Comment Form

Cascade County Public Works Department Planning Division
121 4th St N, Suite 2H-2I Great Falls, MT 59401
Phone: 406-454-6905 | Fax: 406-454-6919
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Instructions

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Commenter Information

Name: Terra Davis

Complete Address: 729 27th ave NE

Comment Subject (please check one):

- ☒ Special Use Permit Application ☐ Subdivision ☐ Zoning Text and/or Map Amendment
☐ Growth Policy ☐ Variance ☐ Floodplain Regulation Amendment
☐ Subdivision Regulation Amendment ☐ County Road Abandonment/ Discontinuation of County Street
☐ Other (describe): _____

Comment

Big Sky Cheese, LLC-

I think the city of Great Falls should go ahead and give a clear yes to this one. Montana needs something to be proud of
and Great Falls needs to be known for something other than the Air Base. It will also be very beneficial to everyone
locally and around the state. Plus it will give local people a permanent important job where they know that every part of
the business is environmentally good. Using clean energy to reduce gases and clean water coming in and going out. I
have complete confidence in Mr Friesen and confidence that Big Sky Cheese will be an investment that will bring in
consumers to the community of Great Falls. Businesses will thrive!

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| Date Received: <u>5-24-19</u> | Date Reviewed: <u>5-24-19</u> | Complete: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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Commenter Information

Name: Renae Munson

Complete Address: Great Falls, MT 59401

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☒ Other (describe): PHASE 1 of Massive Slaughterhouse - Big Sky Cheese.

Comment

See attached.

NO to Phase I - Big Sky Cheese

NO

NO

NO

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Date Received: 5-21-19

Date Reviewed: 5-23-19

Complete: ☐ Yes

☒ No

May 21, 2019

Cascade County Courthouse

Attn: Commissioners Jane Weber, Joe Briggs, Jim Jay Larson

Great Falls, MT 59401

Re: Proposed Big Sky Cheese Plant – Phase I of Slaughterhouse

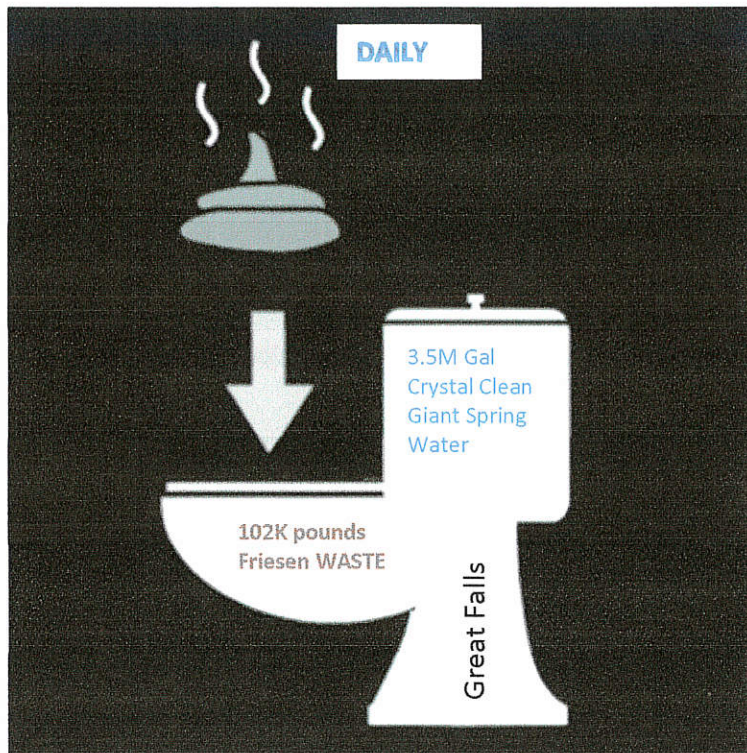
Hello,

I am writing to passionately protest and actively object to the planned slaughter plant known as Madison Food Park by Friesen Foods, LLC including Phase I, Big Sky Cheese. It is common knowledge that this industry offers low wage jobs that forces them to recruit and hire among the vulnerable population. The impact to the city of Great Falls will be DEVASTATING. Todd Hanson stated there would be 12K "New Residents" with 40% turnover that'll be 12K new residents every 3 YEARS. Studies show the larger the slaughterhouse the larger increase in VIOLENT CRIME. Due to violent desensitizing work environment where workers are given strenuous expectations to vulnerable workers who don't have many employment options due to language or skill issues.

Is Friesen going to pay for another jail and more law enforcement? Are you Jane Weber, Joe Briggs and Jim Larson going to bear the blame for our charming sweet community turning into a toilet with the smells and all.

CAFOs drive the price of livestock down eventually forcing longtime family farms and ranchers out of business. There are USDA charts that illustrate this scenario...where over time there are less farmers producing more livestock. Keyword...LESS farmers/ranchers.

Cascade County residents and taxpayers do NOT want to be used as Friesen's toilet. Where he gets to use 3.5M gallons of our crystal clean water and we get 100K pounds of waste all the while asking Great Falls Citizens to supply the toilet paper (infrastructure, prisons, crime, roadways, potholes, 165 feces spewing semis a wk).



REMITTANCES: You can NOT grow our community with foreigners, any money they make ...they send it to their home countries. Foreign owned business, employing foreign workers, to supply food to foreigners. All we are is the toilet. Great Falls is too nice to be someone's TOILET.

I urge you, as a concerned citizen whose family has lived here for 120 years, to protect our city and preserve our quality of life by passing zoning laws that will prevent any phases of one of the largest slaughterhouses in our nation along with CAFOs to be built in Cascade County.

Cordially,


 Renae Munson
 Great Falls, MT 59401

From: Kate Buckles <kate.a.buckles@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 7:16 AM
To: Planning Comments <planningcomments@cascadecountymt.gov>
Subject: Cheese Processing Facility

Please do not make zoning changes that would allow Freisen to open a cheese processing facility into our community!!! Anyone who thinks this is a good has not done their homework!!! Currently Great Falls is a nice place to live. Letting this type of industry in would change all that. All you have to do is look at other communities where they have set up shop.

When they first announced their plans they said they would start with a cheese facility. Please DO NOT let them get a toenail in the door!

Our city is not the only thing that would change. Our small farmer/ranchers will be forced out of business. Just look at what happened to the dairy industry when industrial ag took that over! No little guys left today.

I am concerned that this has gone on this long and that you are even considering letting this monster in. This is the last best place! Let's keep it that way! Don't open the door!!!

Thank you
Kathy Buckles
5219 2nd Ave. North
Great Falls, MT. 59405

Sent from my iPhone

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1401 3rd West Hill Drive, Great Falls, MT 59404

406-315-1952

marilyncron@yahoo.com

Dear Commissioner Weber,

I consider the importance of great minds from the past who left a vision of a great legacy for future generations by some of the following actions; sustaining open spaces, landscapes, clean water and clean air. They did this without selling our health away to large industrialized animal production and other heavy industries. Personally I am wondering how you have lost this vision. We must not go down the broad path of swiftly selling our future away. You and the other Commissioners, as duly elected officials who represent our best interests, need to start walking the narrow path of saying 'NO' and protecting our citizens and the health of our land, water, and air that we all share.

Your own objectives, posted on line, state in multiple goals some of your job(s) are to: "Assure clean air, clean water, a healthful environment and good community appearance." And additionally state: "Protect surface and ground water quality from pollution." This will not happen by allowing a 'food park' in our county.

With this in mind, and other issues of road wear and abuse, school overcrowding, and lack of local people to employ, you must begin walking the narrow path of saying 'NO' to dollar bills and yes to clean air, clean water and a healthy environment for now and for the legacy of future generations. Common sense demands that you do this and nothing less to protect the great legacy we have been gifted with.

Regards,

Marilyn Cron

Copy to: jweber@cascadecountymt.gov, marilyncron@yahoo.com

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May 10, 2019

Planning Committee

planningcomments@cascadecountymt.gov


Dear Planning Committee,

I am so annoyed at the irresponsible behavior the commissioners are showing by even considering the impact of this so called food park. You haven't thought long term at all about the consequences of allowing this monstrosity into our county. You haven't researched the impact of the waste from animals on water quality, not to mention the smells that you want to encumber our city and county with.

The impact on the roads, on schools, on police, increasing taxes, and on cleaning the filth from animals being transported through our city is a negative and enormous consequence that you say we will all allow. This is not the truth at all, the truth is that someone has been offering something to benefit only a few at the expense of the rest of us in the county. This needs to stop now and you need to stop it. This irresponsible behavior is solidly being placed in your lap, like a pile of dung that you are trying to force us to have in our laps.

I plan on a negative vote in the next election for the commissioners that are trying to hide the truth behind this pollution.

Frank Cron

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April 30, 2019

County Planning Division Office
121 4th Street North
Great Falls, MT 59401

To Whom It May Concern:

Upon reading about the proposed Big Sky Cheese Processing Plant/MFP, my husband and I are very concerned about this project going forward.

As an educator and home owner for fifty years on the East End of Great Falls, we DO NOT want a quiet life-style to be interrupted by 35 trucks a week on 10th Avenue South. The anticipation of a slaughterhouse, the affect on the environment, and the decrease in property evaluation are great concerns! Montana is big enough! Why do any of these projects have to be in Great Falls?

Please reconsider!

Sincerely,

Doug Clanin

Rachel Clanin

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